

Mrs. Benjamin Pomeroy Carriage House  
658 Pequot Road  
Southport  
Fairfield County  
Connecticut

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## HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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## MRS. BENJAMIN POMEROY CARRIAGE HOUSE

Location: 658 Pequot Road (corner of Pequot Road and Center Street), Southport, Fairfield County, Connecticut.

USGS Westport Quadrangle Map; Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates: 18.643630.4554800.

Present Owner and Occupant: William Wallace.

Present Use: Garage.

Statement of Significance: The Pomeroy Carriage House is a fine example of an outbuilding dating from the late 1860s. The small building was probably erected at the same time as the Pomeroy House (Conn-298) and designed by Bridgeport architects Lambert & Bunnell, styled in a manner which complements the main structure's Second Empire details.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The Carriage House was apparently erected during 1868-69, together with the Mrs. Benjamin Pomeroy House (Conn-298). The segmental arched doorways and deep, heavily molded cornice on the carriage house complements the main house's details. The house, "an ornament to the street," according to the Southport "Chronicle" (August 1, 1869), was designed by the locally prominent architects Lambert & Bunnell. It is quite possible they also designed the carriage house.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

## A. General Statement:

1. Architectural character: The carriage house is a fine example of an outbuilding dating from the late 1860s. It was probably erected at the same time as the main house and designed with segmental arched doorways and a deep, heavily molded cornice to complement the main structure's Second Empire details.
2. Condition of fabric: Very good.

## B. Description of Exterior:

1. Over-all dimension: This rectangular structure is two stories and measures 60' (two-bay front) x 25'.

2. Foundations: Rough stone around the main section; brick under the stable area,
  3. Wall construction, finish, color: Clapboard siding painted white.
  4. Structural system, framing: Wooden balloon-frame construction with three- by four-inch studs.
  5. Openings:
    - a. Doorways and doors: Two stilted segmental-arched carriage doors with simply molded wooden surrounds. A single door with similar molding surround leads into the stable area.
    - b. Windows: A round-arched six-over-six light double-hung sash window is in the second-story front gable. A double round-arched window is in the side gable.
  6. Roof:
    - a. Shape, covering: Cross-gable roof with asphalt covering.
    - b. Cornice, eaves: Wide projecting eaves with a molded cornice are supported by bulky corbelled consoles.
- C. Description of Interior:
1. Stairways: Enclosed stairway to the hay loft and attic.
  2. Flooring: Wooden planking in the stable area and second floor. Brick and concrete on the first floor carriage room.
  3. Wall and ceiling finish: Horizontal flush clapboards with beaded joints are on the walls and ceiling.
  4. Doorways: Two sliding doors of diagonal wooden planks with beaded joints lead into the carriage room. A Dutch door to the stable area is of similar design but constructed with narrower planks.
  5. Decorative features and trim: Heavy six-inch roll moldings surround all doors and windows.
  6. Mechanical equipment:
    - a. Lighting: Electrical wiring system.
    - b. Heating: None.

D. Site:

1. General setting and orientation: The carriage house is located on the corner of Center Street and Pequot Road, and faces southeast.
2. Historic landscape design: A cobblestone apron driveway extends from the street to the carriage house.

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PART III. PROJECT INFORMATION

This project was undertaken by the Historic American Buildings Survey in cooperation with the Southport Historic District Commission, several members of whom provided the necessary funds. The project was completed in the summer of 1966 under the general direction of James C. Massey, then the Chief of HABS; Ralph Schwarz of the Ford Foundation; and Architect John G. Waite (Columbia University); with assistant architects Christopher Benninger (Harvard University), Richard Haines (University of Kentucky) and Andrew Craig Morrison (University of Michigan), and architectural historian David T. Van Zanten (Harvard University), at the HABS Field Office in Southport, Connecticut. The data was prepared and edited in HABS Washington office in December 1978 by Jan E. Cigliano, staff historian. Photographs were taken by HABS staff photographer Jack E. Boucher in September 1966.